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To establish a rapid deployment force.

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A BILL

To establish a rapid deployment force.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rapid Deployment
5 Strike Force Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall estab-
8 lish in the Federal Bureau of Investigation a unit, to be
9 known as the Rapid Deployment Force, which shall be

1 made available to assist units of local government in com-
2 bating crime in accordance with this Act.

3 (b) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.—The Rapid Deployment
4 Force shall be headed by a Deputy Assistant Director of
5 the Federal Bureau of Investigation (referred to as “Dep-
6 uty Assistant Director”).

7 (c) PERSONNEL.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Rapid Deployment
9 Force shall be comprised of approximately 2,500
10 Federal law enforcement officers with training and
11 experience in—

12 (A) investigation of violent crime, drug-re-
13 lated crime, criminal gangs, and juvenile delin-
14 quency; and

15 (B) community action to prevent crime.

16 (2) REPLACEMENT.—To the extent that the
17 Rapid Deployment Force is staffed through the
18 transfer of personnel from other entities in the De-
19 partment of Justice or any other Federal agency,
20 such personnel of that entity or agency shall be re-
21 placed through the hiring of additional law enforce-
22 ment officers.

23 **SEC. 3. DEPLOYMENT.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—On application of the Governor of
25 a State and the chief executive officer of the affected local

1 government or governments (or, in the case of the District
2 of Columbia, the mayor) and upon finding that the occur-
3 rence of criminal activity in a particular jurisdiction is
4 being exacerbated by the interstate flow of drugs, guns,
5 and criminals, the Deputy Assistant Director may deploy
6 on a temporary basis a unit of the Rapid Deployment
7 Force of an appropriate number of law enforcement offi-
8 cers to the jurisdiction to assist State and local law en-
9 forcement agencies in the investigation of criminal activ-
10 ity. For the purposes of this Act, the term “State” shall
11 be deemed to include the District of Columbia and any
12 United States territory or possession.

13 (b) APPLICATION.—An application for assistance
14 under this section shall—

15 (1) describe the nature of the crime problem
16 that a local jurisdiction is experiencing;

17 (2) describe, in quantitative and qualitative
18 terms, the State and local law enforcement forces
19 that are available and will be made available to com-
20 bat the crime problem;

21 (3) demonstrate that such State and local law
22 enforcement forces have been organized and coordi-
23 nated so as to make the most effective use of the re-
24 sources that are available to them, and of the assist-

1 ance of the Rapid Deployment Force, to combat
2 crime;

3 (4) demonstrate a willingness to assist in pro-
4 viding temporary housing facilities for members of
5 the Rapid Deployment Force;

6 (5) delineate opportunities for training and edu-
7 cation of local law enforcement and community rep-
8 resentatives in anticrime strategies by the Rapid De-
9 ployment Force;

10 (6) include a plan by which the local jurisdic-
11 tion will prevent a rebound in the crime level follow-
12 ing departure of the Rapid Deployment Force from
13 the jurisdiction; and

14 (7) such other information as the Deputy As-
15 sistant Director may reasonably require.

16 (c) CONDITIONS OF DEPLOYMENT.—The Deputy As-
17 sistant Director, upon consultation with the Attorney Gen-
18 eral, may agree to deploy a unit of the Rapid Deployment
19 Force to a State or local jurisdiction on such conditions
20 as the Deputy Assistant Director considers to be appro-
21 priate, including a condition that more State or local law
22 enforcement officers or other resources be committed to
23 dealing with the crime problem. The unit shall serve under
24 the overall control of the senior State or local law enforce-
25 ment authority in the deployment area, pursuant to a

1 clearly delineated command and operational deployment
2 agreement reached prior to the deployment by the Deputy
3 Assistant Director and such senior State or local author-
4 ity.

5 (d) DEPUTIZATION.—Members of the Rapid Deploy-
6 ment Force who are deployed to a jurisdiction shall be
7 deputized in accordance with State law so as to empower
8 such officers to make arrests and participate in the pros-
9 ecution of criminal offenses under State law.

10 **SEC. 4. LEAVE SYSTEM.**

11 Notwithstanding subchapter I of chapter 63 of title
12 5, United States Code, the Attorney General of the United
13 States shall, after consultation with the Director of the
14 Office of Personnel Management, establish, and admin-
15 ister an annual leave system applicable to the Federal law
16 enforcement officers serving in the Rapid Deployment
17 Force.

18 **SEC. 5. LOCATION OF UNITS AND FUNCTIONS WHEN NOT**
19 **DEPLOYED.**

20 (a) LOCATION.—Units of the Rapid Deployment
21 Force shall be based in the Nation's major regions at loca-
22 tions and in facilities determined by the Attorney General.
23 Members of the Rapid Deployment Force shall receive
24 training and education in the regional crime problems of
25 the region where they are based. The Deputy Assistant

1 Director whenever possible shall deploy units in the region
2 where they are based.

3 (b) NONDEPLOYMENT FUNCTIONS.—When not de-
4 ployed pursuant to a deployment agreement to a locality,
5 the Deputy Assistant Director shall use members of a unit
6 to provide special training and education to local law en-
7 forcement agencies. To the extent Rapid Deployment
8 Force units are not needed for deployment or training,
9 members of such units shall be available to support ongoing
10 regional Federal Bureau of Investigation efforts and
11 programs and, as appropriate, other Federal law enforcement
12 efforts, until required for deployment and training.

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